

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1 to 10 and 16 to 19.

A new sheet of formal drawings is attached. This new sheet includes correction of the label "COMPONENTS" within element 48 of Figure 2 as required by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 16 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as made obvious by the combination of Sezan et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,236,395 and Banker et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,485,221.

Claims 1 and 6 recite subject matter not made obvious by the combination of Sezan et al and Banker et al. Claim 1 recites a filter module "operable to access the viewer profile and the supplement data and, in response, to select a preferred display component according to the one television signal selected by the viewer via said input device, the viewer profile and the supplemental data, the preferred display component consisting of supplemental data selected by said filter module according to the viewer profile from among plural supplemental data corresponding to the one television signal selected by the viewer" Claim 6 similarly recites "selecting a preferred display component in accordance with the one television signal selected by the viewer, the viewer profile and supplemental data, the preferred display component consisting of supplemental data selected by said filter module according to the viewer profile from among plural supplemental data corresponding to the one television signal selected by the viewer." Thus claims 1 and 6 recite viewer selection of the television signal and filter module selection of corresponding supplemental data based upon the user profile. Sezan et al discloses automatically selecting and storing received television signals selected according to a user profile. These can be replayed later. Banker et al discloses user selection of a virtual channel

including both the video and text data which are assembled by the cable head end. Banker et al states at column 4, lines 52 to 67:

"When a selector selects the virtual channel defined in memory, a tuner tunes to the channel of the broadband video signal that the composite video signal occupies as determined from the mapping in memory. Accordingly, the composite video signal may be applied to processing circuitry. In the processing circuitry, the text data stream corresponding to the selected virtual channel can be extracted. The extracted text data stream and the composite video signal are then supplied to an on-screen display control which produces a video output display signal therefrom. When applied to a standard television receiver, the video output display signal produces a picture having both text information from the extracted data stream and video information from the portion of the composite video signal corresponding to the video program defined by the virtual channel."

This portion of Banker et al makes clear that the correspondence between the video and "the text data stream corresponding to the selected virtual channel" is fixed at the transmitter and not selected according to a profile based upon the user television signal selection. Banker et al discloses that the user may select one of these fixed combinations but does not teach that the text data (supplemental data) selected for a particular video is made according to a profile. A combination of Sezan et al and Banker et al would select both the television signal the corresponding supplemental data based on the viewer profile. In contrast, claims 1 and 6 recite selection of the television signal is made by the viewer and that the corresponding supplemental data of the preferred display component is selected by the filter module according to the viewer profile. The Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Sezan et al and Banker et al fail to make obvious the selection of the television signal and the supplemental data by differing agents as recited in claims 1 and 6.

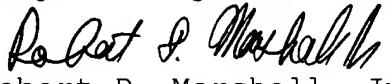
Accordingly, claims 1 and 6 are allowable over the combination of Sezan et al and Banker et al.

Claims 2 to 5, 7 to 10 and 16 to 19 are allowable by dependency upon allowable base claims.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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